



## City of Bowie

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Local Government

Member since August 2009

### MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP



#### Environmental Team

*The Environmental Advisory Committee is a group of 12 residents appointed by the City Council whose charge is to "promote a sustainable community through initiatives relating to such issues as natural resource management and development, wildlife and wildlife habitat protection, energy efficiency, watershed stewardship and protection, pollution prevention, beautification, tree canopy preservation, and green policies."*

*The committee meets monthly to discuss various issues facing the City and recommends policies and programs to the City Council relating to the environment, public education and outreach. Members serve a term of two years.*



#### Environmental Restoration or Community Environmental Projects

*The City has recently undertaken a number of restoration/public outreach and education opportunities. We have nine active Stream Teams with a total of about 350 volunteers who meet each spring and fall to clean Bowie's streams. Many of the volunteers represent local Girl and Boy Scout troops. The City has been working with the Bowie Lions Club to implement a widespread rain barrel program across the city. In total, volunteers have removed 4500 pounds of trash and 4400 pounds of recyclables from streams, and more than 50 rain barrels have been registered with the City, and the Lions Club has sold more than 100!*

### WASTE



#### Recycling

*The City has a single-stream recycling program. In Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08), the City collected 33,896 tons of waste from 20,711 households. Of that, 8,313 tons were recycled, which is about 25% of the waste stream. The City has a goal to*

*have 35% of all waste recycled by 2012 with an ultimate goal of 50%. The City also collects large appliances, computers and electronic equipment. After the DTV transition, the City held a special electronics/shredding event and collected 34 tons of old electronics and 21 tons of shredded paper to recycle. The City picks up yard waste weekly and has a special leaf collection in the fall. In FY08, 3,474 tons of yard waste and 1,452 tons of leaves were collected and recycled. The City also has a mulching mower rebate where homeowners receive a \$50 rebate when they replace their old mower with a mulching one. In FY08, 225 of these rebates were distributed.*

### **TRANSPORTATION**



#### **Fleet Vehicles**

*The City owns a number of hybrid vehicles and has plans to increase that number as older vehicles are replaced. There is also a No Idling policy for all City vehicles.*

### **WATER**



#### **Stormwater Management and Site Design**

*A couple of active City programs to attend to stormwater include conversion of turf areas that were traditionally maintained by the Parks and Grounds Division into native landscaping; City Hall has had a demonstration Bayscapes garden for a number of years. Additionally, impervious cover removal is tracked.*

### **GREEN BUILDING**



#### **LEED Silver**

*The building that houses the city's Parks and Ground Division is certified LEED Silver for New Construction (?). The building was built on the site of the old building using materials recycled from the original building and many LEED features such as solar panels. Bowie's new City Hall, scheduled to break ground in late 2009, is also being built to achieve LEED Silver status,*